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effective amount of a carboxyl-containing polysaccharide or a pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof having a weight average molecular weight of in the range of from about 550,000 to about 8,000,000 which has been ionically crosslinked with a [polyvalent] trivalent cation provided in an amount sufficient to crosslink in the range of from about 60 to about 100 percent of the carboxyl groups of the carboxyl-containing polysaccharide to a site of surgical trauma.

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11. (Once Amended)

The method of claim 1 wherein the adhesion preventative

is applied directly to the site of surgical trauma in one application [by injection through a syringe]. --

Please amend claim 13 as follows:

In claim 13, on line 5, after "carboxymethyl" and before ", carboxymethyl starch", please delete, "chitoson" and insert in place thereof -- chitosan --.

Please add claim 19 as follows:

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-- 19. An adhesion preventative comprising a sterile non-inflammatory hyaluronic acid fraction having a weight average molecular weight of in the range of from about 550,000 to about 8,000,000 having carboxyl acid groups which are ionically crosslinked by at least one trivalent cation selected from the group consisting of iron, aluminum and chromium wherein in the range of from about 60 to about 100 percent of the

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